

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph on page 17, lines 28 – 32, with the following amended paragraph:

D1  
After passing through nip **106**, the three (or more) component webs **120**, **130**, and **140**, shown together as web **102** in FIG. 10, have been formed into laminate web **10**. At this point in the process, the outer layers are thermally bonded and unapertured, as shown in FIGs. 1 and 2. Central layer(s) **30**, from web **130**, is apertured, having been displaced by protuberances **116** in nip **106**.

Please replace the paragraph on page 18, lines 4 – 11, with the following amended paragraph:

D2  
One method for forming apertures across the web is to pass the web through nip ~~**130**~~ **131** formed by an incremental stretching system **132** employing opposed pressure applicators **134** and **136** having three-dimensional surfaces which at least to a degree are complementary to one another. Stretching of the laminate web may be accomplished by other methods known in the art, including tentoring, or even by hand. However, to achieve even strain levels across the web, and especially if localized strain differential are desired, the incremental stretching system disclosed herein is preferred.

#### AMENDMENT TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes amendments to Fig. 9. Character 105 is replacing character 104 for the second (lower) supply roll. The characters now correspond to the description in the specification. Character 131 is replacing character 130 which designates the nip corresponding to incremental stretching system 132. The specification has been corrected to state that the nip is represented by character 131. A formal replacement sheet 5 with the corrected characters for Fig. 9 is included.

In Fig. 10, reference character 102 has now been described in the amended specification.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet  
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes